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AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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IMPLEMENTATION OF AGRICULTURAL PLAN SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pace of implementation of certain agricultural plan schemes being run by the Union Government is very slow;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has held consultations with the farmers` organisations to effectively implement and expedite the said schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 244 DUE FOR REPLY ON 17TH MARCH, 2008.

(a) & (b): Pace of implementation of important agricultural plan schemes implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, including the recently launched schemes of `National Food Security Mission` and `Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana` is not slow. Approval of Government for these two recently launched schemes was obtained expeditiously and the implementation of these schemes commenced in record time.

(c) & (d): State Governments are consulted by the Ministry of Agriculture on important Policy measures. For example, while considering the recommendations of the National Commission on Farmers, States were consulted in a Conference of State Ministers of Agriculture and Allied Sectors on 23.12.2006. The Farmers` Advisory Committees at the Block level is a formal mechanism to provide farmer`s feedback under the scheme of Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms. For building consensus on agricultural market reforms to be implemented through State Governments, farmers and farmers organizations have been consulted through Regional Consultative Conferences organized by the Ministry of Agriculture in four regions of the country during this year.